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Duncan Road Paving Project to Improve Access and Safety

SAN BERNARDINO – The Board of Supervisors today awarded a construction contract for the paving of a two-mile section of Duncan Road in the Phelan-Piñon Hills area from Oasis Road to Buckwheat Road. The contract will provide grading and paving on the existing dirt road along with installation of traffic signs and striping.

"This project is a priority for the area because it will improve access and safety," said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt. "After working with the County Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department, the County Department of Public Works, and the former Phelan and Piñon Hills Municipal Advisory Council, this project was determined to be the highest priority for the area."

The project will provide better access for emergency services and for the residents of the area. The funding for this project will be financed by Fee Plan funding and is proposed to be started in late September to early October with completion in January 2011.

To minimize environmental impacts, Joshua trees will be relocated and a monitor from the San Bernardino County Public Works Environmental Management Division will be on hand to ensure proper procedures are followed in case desert tortoises or Mojave ground squirrel are present. Such measures are required by the California Endangered Species Act, which is enforced by the California Department of Fish and Game.

The \$997,340 contract was awarded to M&E Construction of Riverside, which was the lowest responsive bidder.